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SECTION-A (READING) **20MARKS**

I.READ THE PASSAGE GIVEN BELOW AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW:

1. Every individual wants peace of mind. But it is hard to find a person who can say that he has attained such a state of mental equilibrium as will allow him to live a life of tranquility. Peace of mind is a distant dream for all of us. What is the reason for this? The reason is that people hanker after ideal peace, that is, pure peace—a peace that is free from all kinds of non-peace items.

2. But this kind of absolute peace is not in nature's storehouse. Let us take the analogy of the rose. A rose is a very beautiful flower, but every stem has its thorns. Indeed, thorns are an integral part of the rose plant. A poet has rightly said that thorns serve as security guards for the flower. The translation of his Urdu lines is: 'The safety of the flower would become impossible if the thorns were silk-like.' So flowers have to be accompanied by thorns. There must be hard thorns along with soft flowers—that is, there must be non-peace items along with peaceful items. A peaceful mind is a very precious aspect of human nature and it too needs safety to maintain its sublime quality.

3. Studies in psychology show that an untroubled mind very soon becomes stagnant. It loses its creativity. For this reason, nature always leads people into challenging situations. It is a non-peace item which acts as a challenge for the mind. This guarantees that the creativity of a peaceful mind never comes to an end. A creative mind is always alive.

4. It is a common phenomenon that one who is born in affluence and has a problem-free life, very soon finds his mind becoming dull, while the one who is born into a life of problems and hardships, has an active mind. Such a person develops creative thinking and his intellectual development continues unhindered.

5. Here, I would like to cite a personal experience, concerning a politician who had two sons. He loved one of his sons very much. He got this son married to someone of his choice and presented him with a farmhouse in which to live a life of comfort, just as he pleased. I met this son and conversed with him. It seemed as if I were talking to a dull

person. He did tell some jokes but could not utter a word of wisdom. I have met the other son also. He was not given a comfortable life by his father and so left town for another place. After a few years of struggle, he emerged as a successful person. When I met him, I found that his whole conversation was full of wisdom.

On the basis of your reading of the passage, choose the correct option for any ten of the following questions.

(a) According to the passage, which one of the following(s) is the distant dream for us?

1. Peace of mind.

2. Fulfilling our ambition.

3. Meeting our targets.

4. Climbing the mountains.

(i) option 2 only

(ii) option 1 only

(iii) option 3 only

(iv) option 4 only

(b) According to the passage why is it a distant dream for us?

(i) Because we don't know the technique.

(ii) We look for ideal and pure peace.

(iii) It is something unrealistic.

(iv) None of the above.

(c) According to a poet which one of the following is not true about the rose flower?

(i) Rose is not a beautiful flower.

(ii) Every stem of the plant has a thorn.

(iii) The thorn serves as a security guard for the flower.

(iv) Safety of the flower becomes impossible if thorns are silk like.

(d) According to the passage, which one of the following is not true?

1. There must be non-peace items along with peaceful items.

2. A peaceful mind does not affect our day to day activities.

3. A peaceful mind is very precious aspect of human nature.

4. A peaceful mind needs safety to maintain its sublime quality.

(i) option 1 only

(ii) option 2 only

(iii) option 3 only

(iv) option 4 only

(e) According to the passage, which one of the following is not true about mind?

(i) A troubled mind becomes stagnant soon.

(ii) An untroubled mind loses its creativity soon.

(iii) Non peace item acts as a challenge for the mind.

(iv) None of the above.

(f) According to the passage which one of the following(s) are true?

1. One who is born in affluence very soon finds his mind becoming dull.

2. The one who is born into a life of problems and hardships has a passive mind.

3. One who faces hardships develops creative thinking.

4. None of the above.

(i) option 2 only

(ii) option 1 and 3 only

(iii) option 3 only

(iv) option 4 only

(g) According to the passage, a person who leads a problem free life …… .

(i) is not creative

(ii) leads a dull life

(iii) both (i) and (ii)

(iv) none of the above

(h) According to the passage, why could the first son of the politician not utter a word of vision?

(i) because he had problem free life

(ii) his mind had become dull as he had no challenges in his life.

(iii) both (i) and (ii)

(iv) none of the above

(i) According to the passage, why did the other son have a conversation full of vision?

(i) He did not have a comfortable life.

(ii) He struggled and learnt the lesson of life from hard work.

(iii) It is due to problems of life his mind had become creative.

(iv) All of the above.

(j) According to the passage, how can we have a true peace of mind?

(i) By accepting the challenges of life.

(ii) By accepting the fact that perfect peace of mind is not in the store house of the nature.

(iii) Both (i) and (ii)

(iv) None of the above.

(k) Find the word from para 1 which means the same as 'very far'.

(i) distant

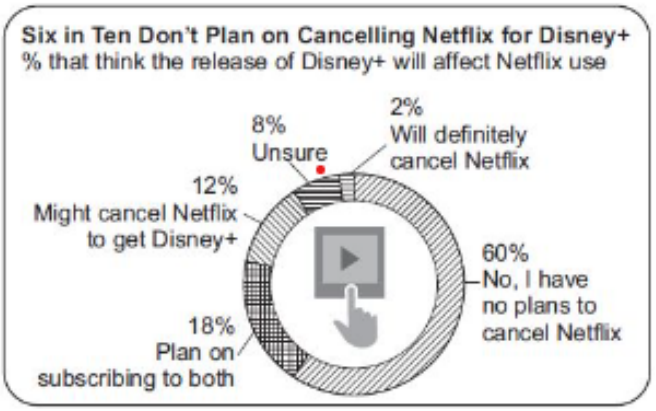
(ii) attain

(iii) tranquility

(iv) equilibrium

II. READ THE PASSAGE GIVEN BELOW AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW:

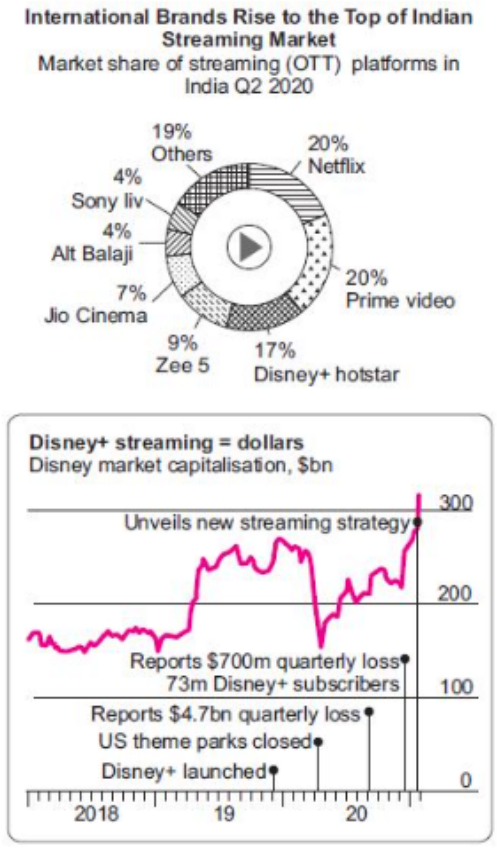
1.Disney's theme parks may be closed and its cruise ships docked, but its Disney+ streaming service has been one of the greatest success stories of the year of lockdown. Launched 13 months ago with a target of 60m-90m subscribers by 2024, it has already hit that mark, as self isolating audiences happily shelled out $6.99 a month for access to Hollywood's biggest studio.



2. This success story was written all over Wall Street. Despite a net loss of $710m in the three months to September, Disney+ propelled the company's share price back to where it had been before the pandemic. That too when the company allocated only about $2bn for fresh Disney+ content this year and much of the content that streamed on Disney+ was from the Disney archives. (Netflix, the world's biggest streamer, with 195m subscribers, earmarked $17bn) It further announced a content binge designed to put it at par with Netflix. (and to

shift the company's focus sharply towards streaming) Disney's share price leapt by almost 14% the next day, an all-time high, with $38bn added to the company's stock market value.

3. As well as matching Netflix dollar-for-dollar, Disney is broadening its range of content in a way that will make the two streamers more direct rivals. Disney plans to release ten "Star Wars" series, ten based on Marvel comics, 15 new original series and 15 films, all going straight to Disney+. By 2024 its content spending on Disney+ will be $8bn-9bn and across all its streaming channels (including its entertainment service Hulu and sports service ESPN+) it will be $14bn-16bn. It also announced a new service, Star, which will offer a wide range of programmes (included with Disney+ in some countries). Expecting more than 300m subscribers by 2024, streaming could well become Disney's single largest business by revenues, bringing it at level with Netflix in subscribers.



4. Warner Media also announced that in 2021 all its feature films, beginning with Wonder Woman 1984, will be released on its HBO Max streaming service on the same day they come out in theatres. This is a cause of worry for cinema owners. Disney, which makes far more money at the box office than any other studio, is not willing to go that far, but the notion is no longer a complete non-starter. Other productions are sure to follow. "Made for TV" is no longer a slur in Hollywood.

On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions. (1X10=10)

(a) Which of these statements can you NOT infer from the extract?
(i) Disney enjoys a greater brand loyalty than Netflix.
(ii) Streaming services will eventually make cinema extinct.

(iii) Online streaming sector is one of the fastest growing sectors today.
(iv) The success story of Disney+ is here to stay even after the pandemic subsides.

(b) The success of Disney streaming services rests on ..... .
1. offering varied content to its customers
2. impeccable sales strategy
3. new and original content
4. the current pandemic situation
(i) only 1
(ii) 1, 2 and 3
(iii) 3 and 4
(iv) only 4

(c) With which of these options would you associate the word 'Slur' as used in the extract?
(i) Unclear, indistinct speech.
(ii) Sidestepping a tricky issue.
(iii) Insulting, derogatory manner.
(iv) Taking for granted.

(d) Which of these options DO NOT describe the success story of Disney?
(i) Third time lucky.
(ii) Catapult to fame.
(iii) Make a killing.
(iv) Jump on the bandwagon.

(e) With which of these words would you never use the word 'archives'?
(i) Database
(ii) Researchers
(iii) Documentary evidence
(iv) Prototype

(f) Which of these, according to the extract, is affected by the streaming service industry, irrespective of the company?
1. Stock market
2. Cinema
3. Promotional merchandise
4. Telcom sector
(i) 1 and 2
(ii) only 2
(iii) 1 and 4
(iv) only 4

(g) Which of these statements is/are NOT TRUE?
1. India has the largest number of subscribers to Netflix.
2. Indian consumers prefer to subscribe to OTTs which offer both home-grown and international content.
3. Indians have strong brand loyalties as far as OTTs are concerned.
4. A lot of OTT content consumers in India are children.
(i) 1, 2 and 3
(ii) 2, 3 and 4
(iii) 1, 3 and 4
(iv) only 4

(h) Pick out the best option on each of these statements being 'True (T)'.
1. Going to the cinema is no longer a popular trend in India.
2. Entertainment has been a priority in the lockdown period all over the world.
3. Despite brand loyalty, Indian consumers are exploring and switching over to other OTTs.
(i) only 1
(ii) 1 and 2
(iii) only 3
(iv) only 2

(i) Find a word which is similar in meaning to 'pushed' in para 2.

(j) Which of the following words is opposite in meaning to 'competitors' in para 3?
(i) revenues
(ii) streamers
(iii) rivals
(iv) channels

SECTION-B(WRITING SKILLS &GRAMMAR) 20MARKS

III. You are interested in a short-term course in computer graphics during the holidays. Write a letter to the Director, Fortune Graphics Computers, inquiring about their short-term courses and asking for all the necessary details. You are Anuj/Anju of 28 A, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi. **(6MARKS)**

IV. Your school has planned an excursion to Lonavala near Mumbai during the autumn holidays. Write a notice in not more than 50 words for your school notice board, giving detailed information and inviting the names of those who are desirous to join. Sign as NaresfyNamita, Head Boy/Head Girl, D.V. English School, Thane, Mumbai. **(4MARKS)**

V. Choose the correct form of the verb that agrees with the subject. (10X1/2 =5)

1. Either answer (is, are) acceptable.
2. Every one of those books (is, are) fiction.
3. Nobody (know, knows) the trouble I've seen.
4. (Is, Are) the news on at five or six?
5. Mathematics (is, are) John's favorite subject, while Civics (is, are) Andrea's favorite subject.
6. Eight dollars (is, are) the price of a movie these days.
7. (Is, Are) the tweezers in this drawer?
8. Your pants (is, are) at the cleaner's.
9. There (was, were) fifteen candies in that bag. Now there (is, are) only one left!
10. The committee (debates, debate) these questions carefully.

VI. Read the sentences and choose the correct modal that's to be used: (10X1/2 =5)

1. My teacher (can/must) speak four languages.
2. (May/should) I use your mobile to call my mother?
3. You (must/could) not speak loudly in the hospital.
4. I (could/must) use a little help in packing all these clothes.

5. Madam (could/may) you repeat what you said?
6. I (can/might) not be able to make it tonight.
7. Sheldon (ought to/must) study more if he wants to pass the test.
8. (Can/May) you come to the prom with me?
9. My parents (shall/ought to) arrive soon.
10. I (could/must) be late as I have a lot on my plate.

SECTION- C (LITERATURE) (40 MARKS)

VII.READ THE EXTRACT GIVEN BELOW AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW: ANY 5 (5X1=5)

A. Don't bite your nails, Amanda!
Don't hunch your shoulders, Amanda!
Stop that slouching and sit up straight,
Amanda!
(a) Amanda is getting instructions for what purpose?
(b) Give a synonym of 'hunch'.
(c) What does the speaker of above lines instruct Amanda in the first stanza?
(d) What is the literary device used in the third line?.

B. Or if some time when roaming round, A noble wild beast greets you,
With black stripes on a yellow ground, Just notice if he eats you.
This simple rule may help you learn The Bengal Tiger to discern.
(a) How can you recognize a Tiger?
(b) Why does the poet call him a noble animal?
(c) How is Bengal Tiger different from the other animals?
(d) What does the word 'ground' means here?

VIII. MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTION: ANY5 (1X5=5)

"We, who were outlaws not so long ago, have today been given the rare privilege to be host to the nations if the world on our own soil. We thank all of our distinguished international guests for having come to take possession with the people of our country of what is, after all, a common victory for justice, for peace, for human dignity."

1) Why does the speaker say that it is a 'rare privilege'? He says this as they have

a) been deprived of this honour.

b) seldom been given this honour

c) experienced it for the first time.

d) been chosen over other countries, for this honour

2) The guests at the spectacular ceremony are being called distinguished because they

a) they have been invited as guests to attend it.

b) they are eminent world leaders witnessing it.

c) they are visiting the country for this purpose.

d) they have resumed diplomatic relations with the country.

3) It is a victory for 'human dignity'. Pick the option that lists the correct answer for what 'human dignity' would include.

a) i) equality ii) liberty iii) indecency

b) i) liberty ii) indecency iii) self-respect

c) i) immorality ii) self-respect iii) equality

d) i) equality ii) liberty iii) self-respect

4) How do you think the speaker feels? Choose the option that best fits his state of mind.



a) i) emotional ii) elated iii) unmindful

b) i) elated ii) unmindful iii) overwhelmed

c) i) overwhelmed ii) elated iii) honored

d) i) elated ii) honored iii) unmindful

2. "'Paper has more patience than people' I thought of this saying on one of those days when I was feeling a little depressed and was sitting at home with my chin in my hands, bored and listless, wondering whether to stay in or go out. I finally stayed where I was, brooding: Yes, paper does have more patience, and since I'm not planning to let anyone else read this stiff backed notebook grandly referred to as a 'diary', unless I should ever find a real friend, it probably won't make a bit of difference."

1) 'Paper has more patience than people.' What does this imply? This implies that Anne

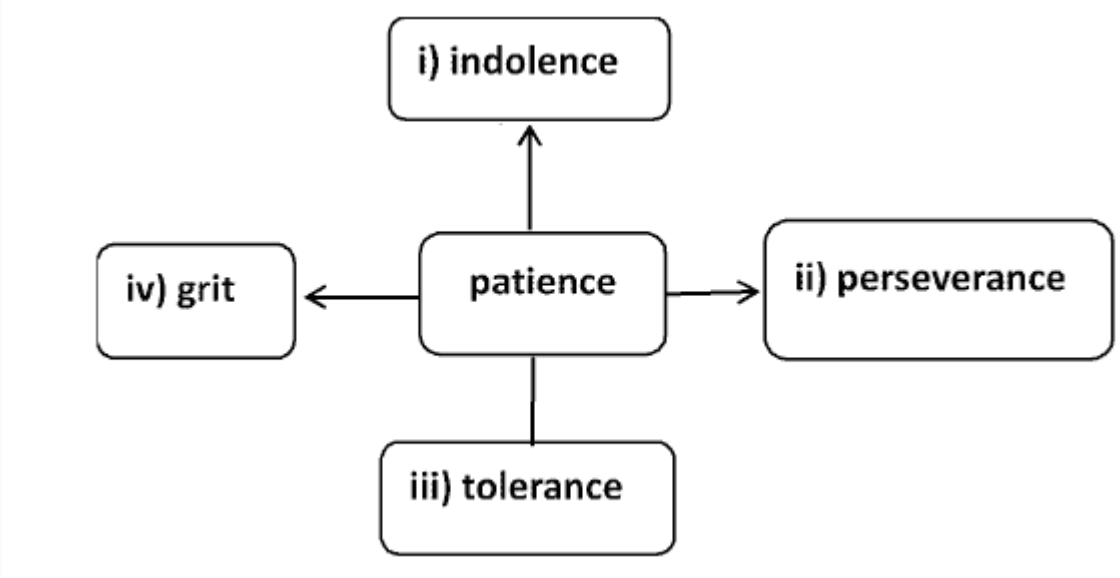
a) believed in the power of writing more than speaking to people.

b) felt that she could pour her heart out on paper without any hindrance.

c) had more faith in sharing her thoughts and feelings with paper.

d) felt that she could share her feelings openly on paper.

2) Pick the option that is ODD one out with reference to the meaning of 'patience'.



a) option (i)

b) option (ii)

c) option (iii)

d) option (iv)

3) Pick out the sentence that brings out the meaning of ‘brooding’ as used in the extract?

a) The mysterious house on the hill is still brooding above the village.

b) The people at the stock market always keep brooding about the gains.

c) He was brooding over the matter and took a long time to decide.

d) Suspense and drama were brooding at the site of the investigation.

4) If the diary were a ‘real friend’, what qualities would Anne expect it to have?

Pick the option that lists these correctly.

1. optimistic
2. good listener
3. confidant
4. energetic
5. non-judgemental
6. outgoing
7. ambitious

a) 1 & 4

b) 5, 6 & 7

c) 2, 3 & 5

d) 3 & 7

IX.SHORT ANSWERS : ANY4 (4X3=12)

1. How did Mandela's 'hunger for freedom' change his life?

2. Why does Anne need to give a brief sketch of her family? Does she consider 'Kitty' as an insider or outsider?

3. What is the story about the Kodavu people's descent?

4. Who was Amanda? What idea do you form her through the poem?

5 .The poet has used some special qualities to describe the animals and create humour in the poem. Each of us also has some special qualities which make us quite different from others. Do you agree with this statement? Comment with reference to the poem 'How to Tell Wild Animals'.

X. SHORT ANSWERS: ANY 2 (3X2=6)

1. How would you assess Griffin as a scientist?

2. Who is the real culprit in the story 'A Question Of Trust'?

3. **Griffin was rather a lawless person." Comment.**

XI.LONG ANSWERS: ANY1 (6X1=6)

1. Describe the pen-portrait of a traditional Goan village baker.
2. The inauguration ceremony symbolized a common victory for justice, for peace, for human dignity against the most hated apartheid regime based on racial discrimination. Comment.

XII.LONG ANSWERS: ANY1 (6X1=6)

1.How did a book become a turning point in Richard Ebright's life?

2. 'The lady in the red was a more professional thief than Horace Danby'. Give a reasoned answer.